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[1](#)B. SEOUL 1413

Classified By: POL M/C Joseph Y. Yun. Reasons 1.4 (b,d).

[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request. Please see para 4.

[1](#)2. (C) On May 18, Kim Jong-min of the Security Policy Division and Kim Jae-woo, Deputy Director of the Disarmament and Nonproliferation Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT), delivered the ROKG official response to reftel A demarche and provided comments on the proposed Nonproliferation Inter-sessional Meeting (ISM). MOFAT's previous responses regarding the ISM Working Group proposal and ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Statement were reported reftel B.

[1](#)3. (C) Kim Jong-min said that the ROKG intends to support all three U.S. proposals. He noted that the proposals would be very helpful to move the ARF into a more action-oriented body that is conducive to confidence-building and preventative diplomacy. Kim Jae-woo said that the ROKG agrees with the U.S. proposal for the Nonproliferation ISM and does not support the Indonesian suggestion to retitle the ISM.

[1](#)4. (C) Action Request: Noting that the ROKG submitted a second report in September of 2005, Kim Jae-woo requested clarification of whether paragraph one of the proposed ARF statement would require countries to submit a third report. End Action Request.  
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